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1. The Slovakian Iron Ore Mine (Slovenske Zeleznorudne Baně), National Corporation, is located at Rudňany (Koterbachy - R49/D96).
2. Ore mined at this mine is partially refined in the ironworks at Zábijaneč, which has 420 employees, and then transported to the ironworks at Vítkovice (P50/058) and the ironworks at Podbrezová (Q49/D06) near Banská Bystrica. The monthly output of iron is fixed by a quota which was filled 92.8 percent in August 1950.
3. Quicksilver is also mined, and in August 1950 17,400 kg were extracted. The weekly production of approximately 4,200 kg is shipped from the railroad station in Rudňany through Čierna nad Tisou to the USSR.
4. There are 1,640 employees, including engineers, in the Slovakian iron ore mine, with the Pantoročka shaft employing 480 men and the Nova shaft 380. Some of the leading personnel are:

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a. Manager Ing. Mikolas Mraz, a Czech

b. Chief of Personnel Karol Tomany, a Slovak who returned from Hungary in 1946

c. Security Officer and Workers' Militia Commander Stefan Varga, a Slovak

d. Chairman of Workers' Council Josef Stajnhausner, a Slovak

e. Chairman of Communist Party Unit Juraj Majpel, a Slovak

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5. Forty percent of the mineworkers belong to the Communist Party but they are not disciplined members. In August 1950 a three-day strike for higher wages was initiated, but during the first day the instigators of the strike were arrested by the SNB and work was resumed.

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6. The plant militia is composed of 60 men who are armed with pistols during the day and with sub-machine guns at night. The SNE station in Rudnany has seven members commanded by Sgt. Major (sic) Jan Hukal [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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Also assigned to the SNE station in Rudnany are the following two STB members from Leveca:

- a. Ondrej Volman [REDACTED]
b. Josef Maliska [REDACTED]

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